

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMY
PLAQUE TO EDWARD ELLIOT
FISCHEL, M.D.*

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This evening we are pleased to present the Academy Plaque to Dr. Edward Fischel. Dr. Fischel was born in New York City in 1920. He received all his medical training at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1944, and was awarded the Doctor of Science degree in 1948. His internship, residency, and fellowship years were spent at the same institution, covering a total of eight years of training, and, until he moved away to Hartford late last year, he has held appointments in medicine at his alma mater ever since his residency days. He has also, for some 23 years, held an appointment in medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where, at the time of his departure for Connecticut, he was professor of medicine. He now has academic rank at the University of Connecticut in his capacity of chief of medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital of Hartford.

He is a member of a dozen professional societies representing clinical medicine and clinical research, and in his specialty he rose to become president of the American Rheumatism Association in 1968 at the age of 48. Previously he had been president of the New York Rheumatism Association and chairman of a variety of councils and committees of the Arthritis Foundation. He was also a valued and productive member of the Health Research Council and of the American Heart Association in which, as in other organizations, he served on research committees as well as a variety of other committees and boards. Well liked and highly respected by his peers in all the organizations to which he belongs, we claim him tonight particularly for the Academy.

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He has been a Fellow of this Academy for 25 years and served some 12 years on the governing Council in one capacity or another, first as a vice-president for three years. He served on the Committee on Medical Education for 13 years and was its chairman in 1972 and 1973. He was twice elected to a five-year term as trustee, starting in 1972 and continuing until his service was interrupted last year by his move to Hartford. He also served as chairman of the Section on Microbiology from 1962 until 1964.

This is an impressive record of service for so young a person but it is surpassed by the quality of his service. He has always been cheerfully willing to take on any ad hoc or subcommittee assignment or to offer advice on any problem.

The award is richly deserved and it is a personal pleasure to present Dr. Fischel the Academy Plaque.